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14. (AMENDED) A hockey stick handling training device for use with a hockey stick comprising:

a spherical element having an element weight to hockey puck weight ratio of greater than 1.3 and a diameter ranging from 25.4 - 50.8 mm, (1.0 - 2.0 inches); and

a practice surface comprising a smooth flat surface formed on a substantially uniformly thick layer of one of, polyester, urethane foam, polyester with a vinyl facing, neoprene, ethylene vinyl acetone, silicone and polyethylene and wherein the practice surface is configured to have a higher resistance to sliding of the spherical element over the practice surface than to rolling of the spherical element over the practice surface.

15. (AMENDED) The hockey stick handling training device of claim 14 [training device of claim 11] further comprising [a plurality of] at least another spherical [elements each] element having [a different weight to hockey puck ratio] an element weight to hockey puck weight ratio of greater than 3 and a diameter ranging from 38.1 - 63.5 mm, (1.5 - 2.5 inches).

16. The hockey training device of claim 15 [wherein each of the plurality of spherical elements comprises a steel ball having a different diameter] further comprising at least another spherical element having an element weight to hockey puck weight ratio of greater than 6 and a diameter ranging from 50.8 - 76.2 mm, (2.0 - 3.0 inches).

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19. (AMENDED) A hockey stick handling practice kit comprising four solid steel balls with each ball having a different weight [having weights] ranging from [220] 227 grams (8 ounces) [up] to 1815 grams (64 ounces) and [having] with each ball having a different diameter [diameters] ranging from [41] 33 mm, ([1.63] 1.3 inches) to [85] 89 mm, ([3] 3.5 inches) and wherein at least one of the four solid steel balls has a diameter of 50.8 mm (2.0 inches) or less and another of the four solid steel balls has a weight of 1000 grams (35.2 ounces) or more. [for stick handling with a hockey stick on a practice surface, said practice surface having a coefficient of friction between 0.3 and 0.9.]

20. (AMENDED) The hockey stick handling kit of claim 19 further comprising a rectangular mat for placing on a floor [for] said mat providing [said] a practice surface formed thereon [said mat] and having a length dimensions of at least [between] 750 [- 1220] mm (29.5 [- 48] inches) [long by] and a width dimension of at least 460 [- 685] mm, (18.1 [-26.5] inches) [wide], and wherein the mat comprises a layer of one of polyester, urethane foam, polyester with vinyl facing, neoprene, ethylene vinyl

acetone, silicone and polyethylene, the mat having a substantially uniform layer thickness in the range of 10 - 51 mm, ([0.5] 0.39 - 2.0 inches) and wherein the practice surface has a higher resistance to sliding of the steel balls over the practice surface than to rolling of the steel balls over the practice surface.

21. The hockey stick handling kit of claim 19 further comprising a fifth [practice] ball having weight of [less than] 50 grams (1.7 ounces) or less and a diameter of [substantially 41 mm, (1.6 inches)] 50.8 mm (2.0 inches) or less.
22. (NEW) The hockey stick handling training device according to claim 14 wherein the coefficient of friction between the practice surface and the spherical element is at least 0.5.
23. (NEW) The hockey stick training device of claim 16 further comprising at least another spherical element having an element weight to hockey puck weight ratio of greater than 10 and a diameter ranging from 63.5 to 88.9 mm, (2.5 - 3.5 inches).
24. (NEW) The hockey stick training device of claim 19 further comprising a practice surface comprising a smooth flat surface for stick handling the four solid steel balls on, and wherein the coefficient of friction between the practice surface and the steel balls is at least 0.5.